

## WASHINGTON DAY BY DAY

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Washington, Sept. 12.—Democrats in Washington at this time are watching with keen interest the outcome of the Senatorial contest in New Mexico. They are hoping to put the state back into the Democratic column and with this end in view are turning some of their biggest political guns upon the commonwealth. Senator Bursum, the Republican incumbent is a candidate for re-election while Judge Hanna is the Democratic opponent for the Senatorship. The battle is being fought out mainly on national issues and if the Democrats are successful such a victory will prove a body blow to the present Republican administration. Prominent spell binders of both parties will be heard in the campaign and the result will be watched with deep concern.

**Soon to Have Delegates**  
Now that members of the American delegation to the conference on the limitation of armaments have been announced by President Harding it is expected that the other nations invited to attend the gathering will follow suit and make public the selection of their delegations. It is generally understood that Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, will head the delegation from England, while M. Briand, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, is likely to lead the delegation from France. Washington is already making preparations for the forthcoming conference and for the reception of the visiting delegations.

**Pershing to go to Paris**  
General Pershing, Chief of Staff, will sail on Wednesday for Paris, where on October 2 he will award the medal of honor voted by Congress to the unknown soldier of France whose body was placed in the arch of triumph. General Pershing, in all probability, will be accompanied by a high naval officer. The General will make an inspection of the grave registration service, of American cemeteries in France and of the Army of Occupation on the Rhine. He will be back in Washington in time to greet Marshal Foch, of France, who is expected at the National Capital during the meeting of the conference on the limitation of armaments.

**Expect Continuous Session**  
It is expected that the Sixty-Seventh Congress will set a new record for continuous sessions. The program before the Congress when it returns on September 21 is huge and some of the prominent leaders of both houses are beginning to realize that the Congress convened by President Harding on April 11 last, with the exception of one or two short intervals will remain in practically continuous session until it expires by limitation on March 4, 1923.

**Tax Revision Bill**  
It is the hope of the members of the Senate Finance Committee to be able to complete hearings on the tax revision measure in time to report out a bill to the Senate when Congress reconvenes after the recess of Congress is over. There is very little hope that a Republican tariff bill will be placed upon the statute books before next year as it is the plan of the Republican leaders to let tariff revision await until the tax problem is settled. Senator Smoot, of Utah, is going to make every effort to have the Finance Committee include in any program for tax legislation his plan for a sales tax. If it is not adopted by the committee Senator Smoot will then offer it as amendment to the bill when it reaches the Senate.

## PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT

**Royal Arcanum To Give Affair Tomorrow Night In Young People's Building**

As has heretofore been announced through the columns of this paper, Alexandria Council, Royal Arcanum, will tomorrow evening at the Young Peoples' Building give a public entertainment of music and song. The officers of the Grand Council both of Virginia and the District of Columbia will be the guest of the local council. The Citizens' Band will be one of the attractive features and they will play a number of selections in front of the building before the entertainment. Some of the best local talent, both of this city and Washington, will participate. The public is cordially invited, and there will be no tickets of admission required or collection taken.

## CITIZENS TO ENTER PROTEST AGAINST NEGLECT OF ROADS

Ballston, Va., Sept. 12.—President Kendrick of the Citizens' Association has called a mass meeting to be held in the Junior Order Hall Tuesday night to protest against the condition of roads in this vicinity, particularly the highway from Washington to Falls Church which passes through this town. It is proposed to select a large committee to take up the matter and endeavor to obtain some action before the coming winter. It is claimed that road work is being done on the northern and southern ends of the county while the center containing half the population, is being neglected.

## SCREEN STAR ACTOR HELD

**Formal Charge for Death of Miss Virginia Rappe Today.**

### IS KEPT IN PRISON

**Dead Woman Told Nurse Comedian Had Injured Her—Statement Given Out by Police.**

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle is held without bail in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, film actress. Miss Rappe was removed from Arbuckle's suite in the Saint Francis Hotel last Monday afternoon, suffering agony. She died after lingering for days under treatment for alcoholism. Her death now proves to have been due to an internal rupture which caused peritonitis. Arbuckle is not held on a warrant which could not be made out legally Sunday. The police said they were holding Arbuckle "for taking a human life while in the act of committing or attempting to commit a felony."

Mrs. Jean Jameson, a nurse, who was with Miss Rappe during her last hours, in a statement swore that Miss Rappe, suffering great pain, kept moaning that Arbuckle had injured her.

"It wouldn't be right for me to pay for all this when it was Roscoe's fault," Miss Rappe moaned to the nurse, according to Mrs. Jameson.

Mrs. Jameson said that Miss Rappe in her dying moments repeatedly requested her to "get Roscoe," he is responsible for all this," The nurse said Miss Rappe meant her to summon Arbuckle to her bedside, not to "get" him in the sense of revenge.

Yesterday afternoon Arbuckle's counsel permitted him only to deny the charges altogether.

The police gave out the following names as participants in the party in Arbuckle's suite last Monday: Roscoe Arbuckle, Miss Virginia Rappe, Ira G. Fort Louis, a New York wardrobe salesman; Miss Alice Blake, a San Francisco cafe entertainer; Mrs. B. M. Delmonte, of Los Angeles, friend of Miss Rappe; Lowell Sherman of Los Angeles, a friend of Arbuckle; Fred Fishbeck, of Los Angeles motion picture director; Al Semmacher, manager of Miss Rappe; Miss Zey Pyvron, a San Francisco show girl. All of these people have now made affidavits. Some disagree on some incidents.

Liquor was served, the affidavits agree on this. Miss Pyvron and Mrs. Delmonte in affidavits, swear that they heard Miss Rappe moaning and rushed to get into Arbuckle's room to aid her. They found the door bolted. Finally, they declare, Arbuckle emerged, and they rushed in past him to find Miss Rappe almost without clothing. Her costume torn to shreds and strewn about the room.

"I am dying! I am dying!" the young actress was moaning," they assert. They plunged her into a cold bath. A doctor was called.

The autopsy surgeons reported officially that Miss Rappe died from the effects of an internal rupture, adding that the girl's physical condition might have contributed to the tragedy. Dr. William Ohn's, one of the surgeons, declared the injury to have been due to natural causes.

"There was absolutely no evidence of a criminal assault," Dr. Ohn's stated.

## THREE SMALL FIRES

The gasoline tank of an Indian motorcycle took fire at 6:45 o'clock last night while the driver was on Mount Vernon avenue north of Union Station, and the machine was considerably damaged. No. 5 engine responded and subdued the flames with chemicals.

A small fire at the residence of Mrs. J. M. Jacobs, 718 Queen street, caused an alarm. A child in the house, it is reported, set fire to a bed. The flames were subdued with a chemical extinguisher before any material damage was done.

The department, at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, was called out for a small fire on the river front. The blaze had been extinguished when the fire department arrived.

## LAD SUSTAINS FRACTURED LEG WHEN HIT BY AUTO

Leslie Aie, nine-year-old son of the late Clarence Aie of 311 North St. Asaph street had his leg broken this morning while crossing King street near St. Asaph street. The boy was taken to the Alexandria Hospital by Dr. Charles H. Merryman of Bradley Hills, Md., and the injured member reset by Drs. Delaney and Moore. The police investigated the case and declare that the lad ran into the machine.

# LOSS \$227,750-FIREBUGS SUSPECTED

## STATE NEWS

Norfolk.—The sixth meeting of the Hampton Roads Port Commission, the body created by the Virginia General Assembly to make an investigation of the state's ports will be held at Norton on September 13, and at Bristol, September 14. The commission has made no announcement of the phase of its investigation which it proposes to consider at this meeting. However, it is expected that particular attention will be given to the coal mining and cattle raising sections as they are related to Virginia's commerce.

Hopewell.—A census of the unemployed in Hopewell and vicinity has been completed by the local chapter of the Red Cross and now the chapter will take steps to secure the men and women named on the lists employment, in this way anticipating and, in a measure, preventing privations and suffering in the community during the winter months. Complete lists of the unemployed in the community will be given to the heads of the industries here and whenever a vacancy or opening occurs, some one named on the list will be employed.

Pulaski.—Before an audience which made up in interested attention what it lacked in size, State Superintendent of Schools Harris Hart Wednesday night outlined the ambitions of the national and state public school authorities. Owing to conflicting gatherings of various kinds, the meeting did not open until about 9 o'clock but the high school auditorium contained a very representative group of Pulaskians. Mr. Hart was introduced by Prof. Elliott, who took occasion to thank the "faithful few" for their presence.

Charlottesville.—The committee in charge of the unveiling of the monument to Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson and the reunion of the Virginia Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans and Sons of Veterans here October 18, 19 and 20, have received word that Jackson statue has been shipped. The derrick to be used to put the pedestal in place has been here for several weeks.

Richmond.—Dr. Wilmarth Amos Hadley, who is to be placed on trial here next month on the charge of having murdered his wife Mrs. Susie Tinsley Hadley, nearly three years ago, has admitted to Richmond newspaper men that he did not repudiate the confession made in Denver and added that the newspapers there gave him "a raw deal." He said he hoped the Richmond newspapers would at least be fair to him. He further asserted that he has recanted nothing in his Denver statement.

Galax.—Republicans of the Fifth Congressional district of Virginia, in convention here, nominated T. L. Felts of Cliff View, Va., as a candidate to succeed the late Congressman Rorer A. James of Danville. Mr. Felts was opposed by J. D. Bassett of Bassett, Va., and won on the second ballot. The nominee has served his county in the Virginia House of Delegates where he has been identified with many progressive movements in the interest of the people of his section. He is one of the managers of the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency, and is widely known throughout the state.

Salem.—With the addition of several departments, with corresponding increase in the faculty, and with more than fourteen thousand dollars spent in improving and renovating buildings, Roanoke College has practically completed preparations for receiving one of the largest freshman classes of its history, a registration of more than one hundred on September 1 when the college opens its sixty-ninth session. An attendance of more than 200 students is expected.

Lynchburg.—Virginian hunters are being advised by authorities in this section of the state that the killing of bull bats is a violation of the federal migratory law, as well as the state law and that the federal fine is up to \$500 for each case.

Pulaski.—Bonds and an undetermined amount of cash were stolen last night, who robber blew open the vault of the Bank of Draper, situated in the little town of Draper, four miles from here. Later it was said the loss amounted to \$10,000.

Lynchburg.—George Law, Irvin Holt and Julius Talley, all white men, were convicted Wednesday afternoon in Amherst county before Squire Shelton on a charge of throwing rocks from a passing train and striking a negro trackman on the Southern railway, the sentence being six months in jail and \$25 fine each. The trial was also held for the action of the Amherst grand jury on the charge of breaking and robbing a car near Monroe in August. Southern railway detectives rounded up members of the gang in Danville, this state, and Ruffin, N. C., after working about three weeks on the case.

## DEATHROSTER INFLOOD AREA

**60 Known Dead—47 at San Antonio Where List May Reach 300.**

### 10,000 MILE AREA SWEEPED

**Damage to Property and Crops Will Run Into Many Millions—Other Sections Menaced.**

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 11.—Reports of loss of life and property damage as a result of Friday night's deluge mounted steadily today with restoration of communication into the Central Texas flood district. Tonight it has been established that an area extending north as far as Georgetown, south to below San Antonio, west to San Marcos and east to Calvert and Bryan or approximately 10,000 square miles, felt the effect of flood waters.

Sixty persons, including forty-seven here, are known to be dead. Property loss is regarded as almost beyond estimate. In this city it is placed at \$5,000,000, and it is believed that he loss to growing crops in the rural districts may run into many millions of dollars, while live stock losses will account for hundreds of thousands of dollars more.

### Death List Estimates.

The dead and missing in this city are estimated at approximately 250 by officials engaged in recovering the bodies, while Police Commissioner Phil Wright estimated that it might reach 300, which list may be swelled as the work of recovering bodies proceeds in the flood-swept area.

While it has been declared that possibly the majority of the estimated dead floated down the streams, the searchers here believe that as the wreckage and driftwood is cleared away other bodies will be recovered. Rescue and relief work continued all last night and today. Hundreds of Mexicans and the poorer people who lived along the Alazan are homeless, and were given assistance by the relief headquarters established in a downtown building.

### Mexican Boy Saves Child.

Possibly the outstanding heroism of the flood was that of a twelve-year-old Mexican boy, who clung to a tree on South Flores street for five hours holding on his shoulders above the water a child five years old. The boy rescuer was battered black and blue by floating wreckage, and was taken to a hospital unconscious. The child was unharmed.

On Fourth street a man barely escaped from an apartment house before part of it was swept into the river. In the water which flooded the apartment he was unable to find his wife and child. Nearly an hour later, at the New Ramona street bridge, he saw a house lodge against the railing and heard cries within. Breaking through the roof he pulled out his wife and child safe on a floating mattress, which was within one foot of the ceiling.

In a back yard on King William street a negro sat on the roof of an outbuilding three hours calling for help, while water twelve feet deep reached through the yard.

Precautions to prevent an epidemic are being taken. The cleaning up proceeded systematically in every part of the business district today. Proprietors of business establishments and forces of employees were sweeping and brushing out the water and debris while pumps drained basements.

A cheer by D. D. Harrigan, city engineer, showed that thirteen of the twenty-seven bridges spanning the San Antonio river are virtually undamaged. Only one bridge was washed away. Others were lifted and set at different angles on the banks.

The rapidity with which the waters receded after the rains stopped is accounted for by the city being at the headwaters of the three streams.

### Other Sections Menaced.

Georgetown, in Williamson county, reports two persons dead and three missing, with property damage of approximately half million dollars. Sixteen inches of rain in twenty-four hours sent all streams out of bounds, and cattle and cotton in the lowlands are a total loss.

In addition to the thousands of square miles of central Texas already hit, more southern sections now are menaced by the onrushing water. The San Marcos river is on a rampage, much baled cotton has been washed away and ungathered crops are almost complete losses, reports indicate.

The Little River and Big and Little Brazos also were running full. Calvert and Bryan report five dead from (Continued on page four.)

## SCHOOLS REOPEN TODAY

**Work Of Organization Chief Task—Large Attendance**

The public schools of this city, opened this morning with a large attendance. The day was given over to work or organization. New pupils are being registered hourly. R. C. Haydon, principal of the High School, states that he is more than pleased with the ease of the organization work. All students of the High School who have not yet registered may do so tomorrow. The faculty of the High School is as follows: R. C. Haydon, principal, Miss Kroes Ficklin, Irvin Lindsey, Miss Corinne Reardon, Robert L. Knight, Jr., J. H. Dodge, Mrs. S. P. Jones, Mrs. S. F. Cashatt, Mrs. V. P. Pidgeon, Miss Dolly Callahan, Miss Marie Brauchler and C. M. Ray who is filling a vacancy for the present.

## CHESTER RIVER YIELDS BODIES OF 25 VICTIMS

Chester, Pa., Sept. 11 (Special).—With the recovery of the body of the lad whose plight was the innocent cause of Saturday night's disaster—the last to be taken from the river's mud—the all-night, all-day search of divers ended at nightfall with the definite assertion that the twenty-five bodies in the morgue represented the total toll of death due to the collapse of Third street bridge. Five injured in the accident are in a hospital.

**Chester Mourns Its Dead.**  
It was a day of mourning throughout Chester today. From early morning until nightfall crowds surrounded the scene of the accident.

Although charges have been made that the accident could be traceable to neglect of the bridge, which is thirty-four years old, the coroner and county commissioners said that the structure never has been condemned officially.

A small wrought-iron gusset plate, part of the support for a path along the side of the structure, which had been half eaten by rust, gave way under the weight of nearly a hundred persons, who were attracted to the spot by the cries of a drowning boy, and precipitated the victims into the river.

The last body to be dragged from the deep mud at the bottom of the river was that of eight-year-old Charles Apostolus, the child whose death was the inadvertent cause of the accident. It was recovered shortly before noon yesterday and placed at the end of the row of twenty-four victims whose bodies reposed in the morgue awaiting removal to their former homes.

## 42,000 AT POLO GROUNDS BASE-BALL GAME, 60,000 OTHERS TURNED AWAY.

New York, Sept. 11 (Special).—Forty-two thousand persons, the largest crowd that ever saw a base ball game at the Polo Grounds, saw the double-header here today between the New York and Boston American League teams. There were 40,000 paid admissions "the biggest ever" in attendance.

At least 60,000 others who came late were turned away. Ten thousand straw hats, 5,000 cushions, 2,000 streams of torn score-cards and 28,000 endearing adjectives were hurled on the greensward when Bob Meusel hit a home run and won the second game for the Yankees—"the biggest ever" in the way of a demonstration for a player.

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

**Addresses Made Last Night at Monthly Meeting.**

The September meeting of the St. Mary's Church Holy Name Society was held in the Lyceum Hall last night. Addresses for the good of the society were made by Rev. Lawrence F. Kelly, Rev. Michael Molloy, late of Castlebas, County Mayo, Ireland, now an assistant pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, this city; President J. H. McDonough, William A. De Vaughan, Carl Rothman and Thomas E. Dyson.

Members of the Holy Name Society received Holy Communion at the 7 o'clock mass Sunday morning. Preparations are being made for the entertainment of the members during the coming winter meetings.

## CHERRYDALE EASTERN STAR TO RECEIVE RUTH CHAPTER

Cherrydale, Va., Sept. 12.—Ruth Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Washington will visit Arlington Chapter here tonight at the monthly meeting in Firemen's Hall. No degree work is scheduled, but an elaborate musical and literary program has been arranged. Walter T. Weaver, county supervisor from this district, is still confined to home as result of injured hip and will be unable to attend the monthly meeting of the board at the courthouse tomorrow.

# Two Big Structures Reduced By Flames

**WAREHOUSES AT PLANTS OF VIRGINIA SHIP-BUILDING CORPORATION AND MUTUAL ICE COMPANY DESTROYED SATURDAY NIGHT.**

## THIRD BLAZE IS ARK ON RIVER

**Fires an Hour Apart—Entire Water Front Threatened. Fortunately Little Wind Was Blowing at Time—Both Fires Subdued by Midnight—Firefighter Helps at Blaze at Mutual Ice Company's Plant—Search for Supposed Incendiaries Is on—Several Volunteers Slightly Injured.**

The heart of the wholesale and manufacturing district of the city was threatened with being wiped out Saturday night as a result of three separate fires, each about a mile apart, which entailed damage estimated at \$227,750, partially covered by insurance.

The first and most serious fire was at the general storage warehouse of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation where damage estimated at \$200,000 was done.

The loss to building and contents is covered by insurance it is stated by Treasurer Christie.

The second blaze an hour afterward was at the frame warehouse of the Mutual Ice Co., used jointly by the government and the ice company, the loss to building and contents, together with the loss to the firm of W. A. Smoot will reach \$27,250 covered by insurance.

The third fire was an ark belonging to James Deane on the river front north of the plant of the Old Dominion Glass Company's factory which took fire about the same time the fire occurred at Mutual Ice Company warehouse. The fire department did not respond to this fire. Damage will be less than \$1,000. All three fires are supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

Exactly at 7:40 o'clock Sergt. Wilkinson at police headquarters received a message that there was a fire at the plant of the Virginia Shipbuilding Company, word being received from John Sisson, 723 South Lee street who saw the blaze from his house. A few minutes afterward the watchman at the shipyard telephoned there was a fire at the plant. In the meantime the alarm had been sent to the three engine houses and every piece of motor apparatus in the city was making its way to the shipyard. When the firemen arrived the big storage warehouse was a mass of flames. It was doomed. Fortunately there was no wind of any consequence blowing and the firemen confined their efforts to preventing a spread of the fire to the adjoining buildings which were menaced by the flames. In this they were successful. The fire was an exceedingly hot one and the firemen at times imperiled their lives as the walls fell one by one, the east wall being the last to give in to the flames.

Fire Chief E. J. McDermott upon arriving on the scene directed the work of the firemen and soon had three streams playing on the burning building water being obtained from the river. Coupled with this the fire equipment at the company's plant was put into operation and six streams of water soon were also playing on the structure from their hose. They obtained their water supply from an artesian well. As soon as the fire started the electric powerhouse at the company's plant was put into operation and the big yards were illuminated which greatly aided the firemen in their work. Power also was obtained to pump the water from the well by electricity.

L. D. Christie, treasurer of the company, was at his home in Rosemont when he received a telephone message that there was a fire at the shipyard. Fearing that the entire plant might be destroyed he at once phoned Washington and requested that the boat firefighter from Washington be sent down. At 8:25 o'clock the firefighter arrived on the scene and anchored at the company's wharf and three minutes afterward was shooting water toward the fire from its highpowered water cannon. The distance, however, was entirely too far and the water failed to reach its objective point.

For fifteen minutes, however, the adjoining buildings east of the burned structure were sprayed and it was at this time that a telephone message was received that the plant of the Ice Company's warehouse was on fire. The firefighter immediately proceeded up the river to this plant at the request of Fire Chief McDermott.

In the meantime the shipyard fire was under control. A part of the apparatus at once proceeded to the ice

company's warehouse and about half of the men a sufficient force being maintained by the chief at the shipyard to handle the situation.

The firemen worked on the shipyard fire till about midnight and afterward maintained a plug stream which was continued all day Sunday.

The blaze at the shipyard threatened to wipe out the entire plant consisting of twenty-two buildings, all brick and metal structures. The 9,400-ton steel freighter Georgie M. Morse, valued at \$2,000,000 was in the water at the company's dock within a hundred yards of the burned building. The fire, however, did not reach her. This ship is about completed with the exception of fitting out the interior. Directly south of the burned building was the immense fabricating plant one of the largest buildings at the yards. This plant was untouched by the flames. It is now being used by the Trent Amalgam Company, engaged in the making of process coal. Part of the equipment of the latter company was on the ground near the burned building and this also was unharmed. The tool paint, and copper shops and power house of the company were other buildings in close proximity to the burned structure.

The burned building was 160 by 100 feet and of brick concrete and steel construction with glass sides, the builders having provided amply for lighting the interior. In this building was stored every piece of equipment necessary for the completion of the interior of the Georgie M. Morse which included brass, steel, life preservers, pillows, blankets, nautical instruments and a host of other things.

According to Mr. Christie the watchman only a short time prior to the discovery of the fire passed around the burned building and did not see any trace of a fire. The fire apparently came up all of a sudden and may have been burning for some time before it broke out.

A hurry run was made by the fire department to the second fire at the Mutual Ice Company's warehouse. At this fire, too, the firemen arriving on the scene realized that their chief work was in saving the adjoining buildings the frame building 60 by 100 and 50 feet high being enveloped, big black clouds of smoke coming from the structure, and the blaze being visible for miles around.

Several streams were put on the building and several others used on the adjoining building. The fire apparatus at the Alexandria Naval Torpedo Station also was put into operation and the marines helped wonderfully at the fire.

The building was divided into four rooms, each separated by partitions. In the front half of the building was stored about 100 bales of cotton desks and other equipment of the United States Government, the building being leased by the Mutual Ice Company to the Bureau of Markets. In the second or east half of the building the Mutual Ice Company had stored a quantity of equipment including three collapsible icing stations, four wagons, an old automobile and other goods.

Their loss according to Mr. Harry Hammond probably will be in the neighborhood of \$15,000 with about \$9,000 insurance.

R. V. Bailey, assistant to the chief of the Bureau of Markets today told a representative of the Gazette that there was stored in the building 100 bales of cotton, used by the Agricultural Department for tests, and about \$500 worth of office furniture, including desks and chairs. Out of the 100 bales of cotton, only about ten bales can be salvaged and the loss to the cotton at the rate of 15 cents per pound which was made by Mr. Bailey as to this particular cotton would make the loss \$750 for cotton and the \$500 for office furniture would make the total loss to the government \$1,250.

The fire soon spread to the lumber yard of W. A. Smoot and Company, incorporated, and a small auxiliary mill about 20 by 25 feet a one-story

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